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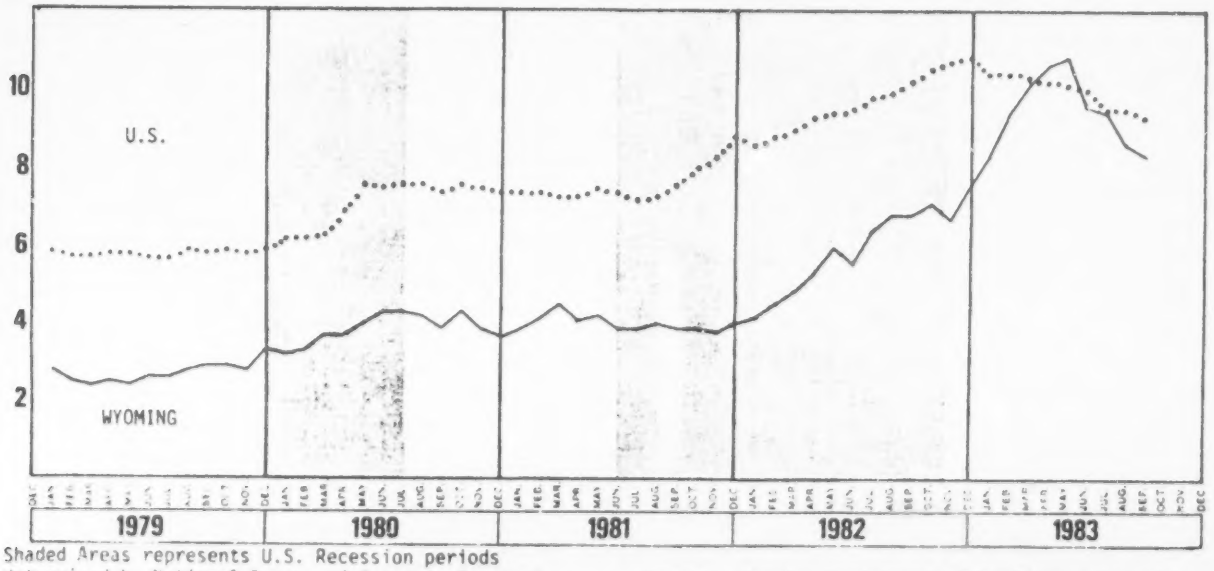
NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 9.3 PERCENT

U.S. unemployment has declined by 1.6 million individuals since last December, when the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.8 percent. The number of unemployed people in September was over 10.4 million, down 892,000 from September

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WYOMING AND THE U.S.
(Seasonally Adjusted)
1979-1983



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Source: Wyoming Department of Employment Security

1982 level when the rate was 10.2 percent. The September rate, 9.3 percent, was the lowest rate since March of 1982 when the rate was 9.0 percent.

In September the number of long-term unemployed, those people out of work for 15 weeks or more, edged downward over the month to 3.9 million and comprised 38 percent of the total jobless. The number of discouraged workers, people who want to work but are not seeking jobs because they believe they cannot find any, stood at 1.6 million in the third quarter of this year.

However, in spite of the discouraged worker and long-term unemployed, 4.1 million more people were working in September than there were in September of 1981, a gain in excess of four percent.

The just announced October national rate fell to 8.8 percent. This is the lowest rate recorded in over a year and a half, down a full two percent from last December's high of 10.8 percent. In October there were 9.9 million out of work, the lowest number since February 1982.

WYOMING UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES DECLINE AT 8.3 PERCENT

Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment, at 8.3 percent in September, fell for the fourth month in a row. The third quarter averaged 8.8 percent, 9.4 percent for the nation, and was down from the second quarter average of 10.3 percent, 10.1 percent for the nation.

UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS 18,100 IN SEPTEMBER

Over 18,100 persons were without jobs in September in Wyoming, substantially less than the 1983 high, thus far, of 28,800 recorded in April. September's unemployment is still over 20 percent above the 14,885 unemployed in September 1982.

Wyoming unemployment benefit payments to individuals in September totaled over $4.0 million, 22 percent less than August and over $1.5 million less than was paid out in September 1982. The average weekly benefit payment was $141.96, down from $150.67 a year ago.

THE SHRINKING JOB MARKET

The fact that the seasonally adjusted Wyoming unemployment rate has gone from 10.8 percent in May to 8.3 percent in September, a sharper decline than the nation, does not mean an economic recovery is taking place. In September the number of people working, total employment, stood at almost 245,300 which was virtually the same as a year ago and down around four percent from the September 1981 count of 254,400. By comparison, the nation has seen a two year employment gain in excess of four percent, or 4.1 million additional workers.

Wyoming's shrinking working population appears to be the result of a continuing outmigration of some of the jobless back to families, homes, or greener pastures in other states, due to the lack of employment opportunities here. This weak job market is evidenced by the increasing number of individuals who have exhausted all their unemployment insurance benefits and continue to be unemployed. The number of unemployed exhaustees is double that of a year ago and over four times as great when

compared to September 1981. In addition, although no statistics are available, more unemployed Wyoming workers appear to be leaving the labor force because they feel no jobs are available for their occupational skill.

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

In August, the latest data available for all states, Wyoming ranked 32nd in the nation with a 7.6 percent unadjusted unemployment rate, compared to the U.S. rate of 9.2 percent and Wyoming's ranking of 18th for the month of May. Of the contiguous states, Idaho, Utah, and Montana had higher rates of 9.1, 8.2, and 7.7 percent. South Dakota, Nebraska, and Colorado had lower rates at 4.3, 4.9, and 6.5 percent. West Virginia and Michigan continued with the highest unemployment at 16.7 and 13.4 percent. On the other hand, New Hampshire had the lowest unemployment, 4.1 percent, followed by North and South Dakota at 4.2 and 4.3 percent.

LATE SUMMER TRENDS

As September is generally the month with the lowest unadjusted unemployment, a comparison is made of the unemployment rates of September of years past, for Wyoming and the U.S.

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Wyoming	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.3	3.3	3.2	5.7	6.9
U.S.	7.4	6.6	5.7	5.6	7.1	7.3	9.7	8.8

WYOMING COVERED WORKERS EARN $17,680 A YEAR

At $340, the First Quarter, 1983, covered weekly wage was down slightly, less than one percent from the First Quarter of 1982. This compares to a gain of 4.8 percent, $330 to $346 a week, from 1981 to 1982 and a gain of 10.3 percent from 1980 to 1981.

Covered workers in Campbell County averaged $426 a week, or $22,152 in wages; over the year, the average weekly wage decreased $3. Other counties following Campbell are: Sweetwater, $414 a week, Uinta, $375, Natrona, $371 and Lincoln $368 a week. Goshen County had the lowest weekly wage of $225 a week. Normally, those areas that are active in energy related industries have the highest wages and those that are primarily agricultural and trade oriented have the lowest incomes.

WYOMING EMPLOYED LABOR FORCE CONTINUES AT ABOUT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL

Thus far, through September of 1983, the employed labor force is down about one percent from the first nine months of 1982. The Third Quarter, 1983, in addition, showed no promise as the number of workers remained virtually identical compared to the previous year's third quarter.

Recent growth in heavy construction and, to a much lesser degree, manufacturing, has been primarily responsible for keeping employment at about last year's level in the third quarter. The construction gain was substantial, at 22 percent annually, and was due generally to heavy construction encouraged by good weather. In addition,

mining, finance, insurance & real estate, and government employment remained at about last year's level during the third quarter. See Table 3 for additional information.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SEPTEMBER 1983

INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	WYOMING
Manufacturing	$ 362.64	$ 334.02
Mining	486.49	482.80
Construction	456.44	I.N.A.
Trans., & Public Utilities	430.81	I.N.A.
Trade	208.63	I.N.A.
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	263.52	I.N.A.
Services	239.11	I.N.A.

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

With a rate of 6.9 percent, September was the fifth month in a row that the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate declined in Wyoming. In spite of this decline, however, this was the highest unemployment ever recorded for September since unemployment statistics were first compiled for the state and areas back in 1960. The 23 counties have reflected this encouraging seasonal trend with nine counties, in September, having unemployment at the same level or lower than a year ago. The remaining fourteen counties continued with unemployment above last year's level.

In addition, in September, for the first time in a year no double digit unemployment occurred. Carbon and Natrona counties had the highest rates at 9.7 and 9.1 percent and Teton and Goshen counties, whose economies do not depend on the energy sector, had the lowest unemployment at 3.3 and 3.6 percent.

COUNTY EMPLOYMENT UPS AND DOWNS

While the statewide employed labor force is down over four percent from September 1981, the 23 Wyoming counties indicate a wide variation in growth patterns. Teton and Uinta counties indicated substantial growth, 10 and 16 percent, over the past two years. Growth was also registered in Big Horn, Campbell, Crook, Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, Park, Sheridan and Sublette counties.

Employment declines have been severe, since September 1981, in Natrona County, down over 4,900 workers or 12 percent. Sweetwater had the second highest people loss, at 2,100 workers. Carbon was down 15 percent, Lincoln and Platte, both down 13 percent, Fremont, down nine percent, and Converse was down seven percent.

WYOMING PER CAPITA INCOME RANKS FIFTH IN 1982

Revised U.S. Department of Commerce data places the Wyoming per capita income at $12,372, up a meager 1.3 percent annually and ranking 5th amoung the states. It continued to rank the highest in the Rocky Mountain area and was 11.4 percent above the national average of $11,107. However, the state fared poorly ranking 48th in annual growth compared to the U.S. gain of 5.0 percent. Listed below is the Wyoming ranking with the 10 highest states. For more detail see the graph on Page 6.

State	Per Capita Income 1982	Gain Over 1981	Percent Of National Average
Alaska	$ 16,257	9.1%	146
Connecticut	13,748	7.0	124
New Jersey	13,039	7.0	118
California	12,567	4.2	113
Wyoming	12,372	1.3	111
New York	12,314	7.3	111
Colorado	12,302	8.0	111
Maryland	12,238	6.2	110
Illinois	12,100	4.2	109
Massachusetts	12,088	7.5	109
United States	11,107	5.0	100

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - (1967=100)

ALL URBAN

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
September 1983	301.8	292.6	326.4	239.5	200.4	303.7	361.2
Annual % Change	2.9	1.7	2.1	5.6	2.8	2.8	7.5

WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
September 1983	300.8	292.6	325.3	238.9	199.3	305.5	359.2
Annual % Change	2.7	1.7	1.7	5.5	2.7	2.9	7.6

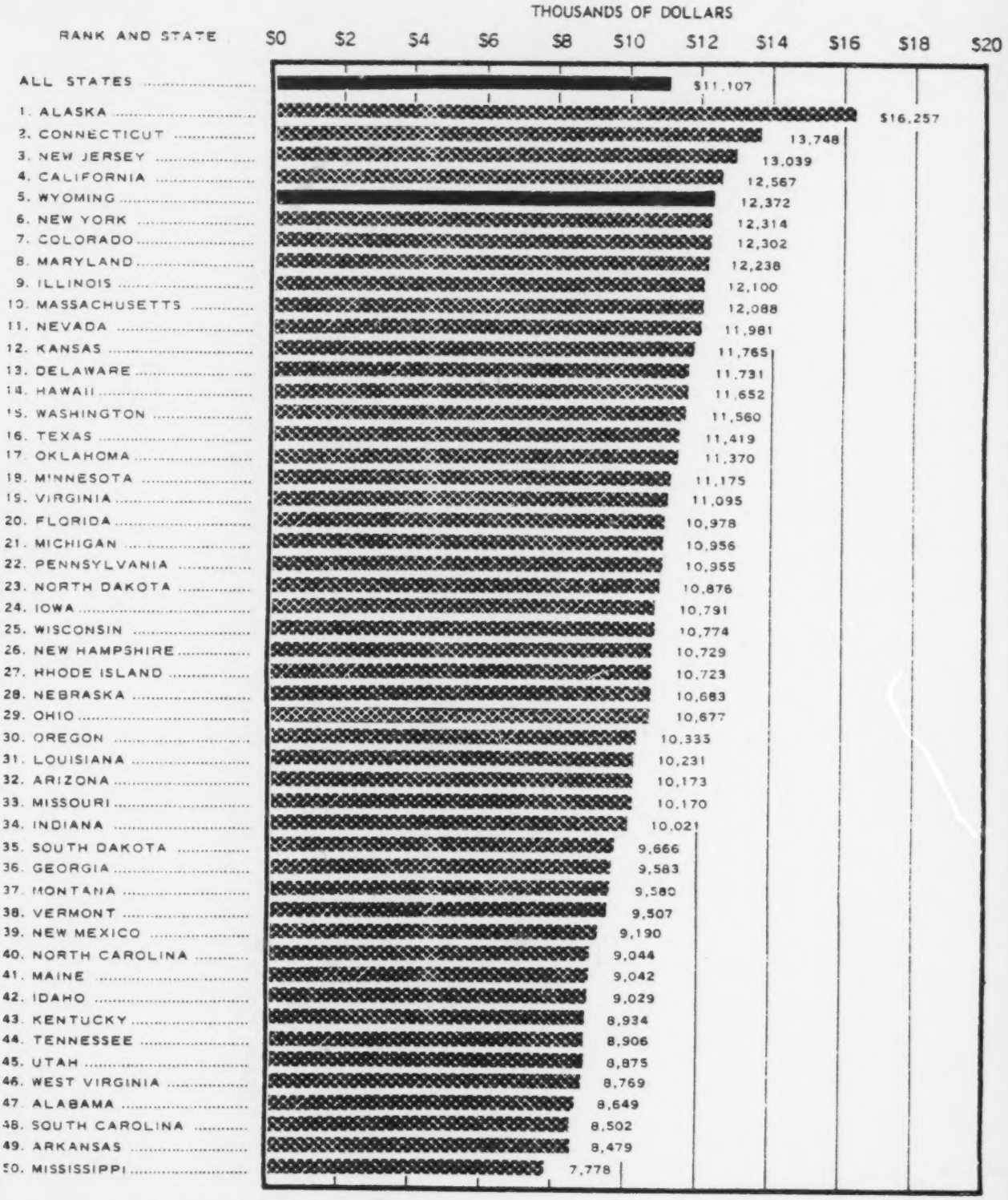
PLEASE HELP IMPROVE OUR DATA

Much of the information that is contained in this report is based on labor market information that is furnished to us by employers on a voluntary basis. This data is used in cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in which employment and unemployment statistics are compiled and published for certain industries and areas. Many employers have refused or have discontinued to participate in these programs. This has resulted in the deterioration in the quality of data that is published.

We ask your assistance in the improvement of the quality of our statistics, by participating in our current employment statistics program. Monthly reports from each employer are kept confidential and data is published only in summary form. In this time of economic stress, more business firms and government agencies are interested in labor force information - we hope to make ours the best available. If you are not now supplying us with data - we ask that you please begin.

For further information concerning your participation in this program, please call (307) 235-3648.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, BY STATE, 1982



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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TABLE 1
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1983 FROM		
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
SELECTED CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT DATA							
Employed Labor Force	245,264	244,686	244,544	245,932	0.2	0.3	- 0.3
a) Covered Employment 2/	195,800	195,300	196,000	208,297	0.3	- 0.1	- 6.0
b) Agriculture 3/	16,772	16,772	16,941	17,081	0.0	- 1.0	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	6.9%	7.6%	8.7%	5.7%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	8.3%	8.6%	9.4%	6.9%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate-U.S.A.	8.8%	9.2%	9.4%	9.7%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	9.3%	9.5%	9.5%	10.2%	XXX	XXX	XXX
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE							
Claims Filed in Local Offices	28,261	29,426	34,613	38,065	- 4.0	- 18.4	- 25.8
a) Initial - Regular	2,477	2,816	3,503	3,752	- 12.0	- 29.3	- 34.0
Weeks Compensated	28,370	34,251	42,480	36,940	- 12.0	- 33.2	- 23.2
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 4,027,482	$ 5,175,789	$ 6,466,146	$ 5,565,663	- 22.2	- 37.7	- 27.6
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 141.96	$ 151.11	$ 152.22	$ 150.67	- 6.1	- 6.7	- 5.8
Insured Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	2.4%	3.1%	3.7%	3.5%	XXX	XXX	XXX
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE							
New Applications Received	4,942	3,537	3,665	6,106	39.7	34.8	- 19.1
Non-Agri. Openings Received	2,994	2,465	2,533	3,622	21.5	18.2	- 17.3
Non-Agri. Placements	4,385	2,984	3,160	3,432	47.0	38.8	27.8
PRICE INDEXES - 1967=100							
Consumer Price Index							
All Urban - All Items	301.8	300.3	299.3	293.3	0.5	0.8	2.9
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	300.8	299.5	298.2	292.8	0.4	0.9	2.7
Producer Prices, All Commodities	305.3	304.9	303.2	299.3	0.1	0.7	2.0
Retail Prices of Food	292.6	292.2	292.0	287.6	0.1	0.2	1.7

1/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures. 2/ Covered under Wyoming U.I Law, not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 3/ Not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey.

TABLE 2-A
WYOMING TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1983 FROM		
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
Statewide	263,373	264,776	267,964	260,817	- 0.5	- 1.7	1.0
Albany	14,020	13,667	13,725	13,478	2.6	2.1	4.0
Big Horn	6,097	6,058	6,104	6,133	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
Campbell	20,793	21,089	21,399	21,091	- 1.4	- 2.8	- 1.4
Carbon	10,274	10,159	10,506	10,459	1.1	- 2.2	- 1.8
Converse	7,870	8,047	8,085	7,876	- 2.2	- 2.7	- 0.1
Crook	2,928	2,819	2,849	2,693	3.9	2.8	8.7
Fremont	17,365	17,353	17,849	17,390	0.1	- 2.7	- 0.1
Goshen	6,511	6,396	6,429	6,264	1.8	1.3	3.9
Hot Springs	2,881	2,756	2,764	2,734	4.5	4.2	5.4
Johnson	4,178	3,992	4,079	3,867	4.7	2.4	8.0
Laramie	33,390	33,337	33,636	32,212	0.2	- 0.7	3.7
Lincoln	5,723	5,567	5,852	5,951	2.8	- 2.2	- 3.8
Natrona	41,710	41,547	42,181	43,595	0.4	- 1.1	- 4.3
Niobrara	1,533	1,560	1,605	1,442	- 1.7	- 4.5	6.3
Park	14,759	16,170	16,172	14,523	- 8.7	- 8.7	1.6
Platte	4,381	4,362	4,366	4,306	0.4	0.3	1.7
Sheridan	12,935	12,883	12,833	12,390	0.4	0.8	4.4
Sublette	3,012	2,922	2,898	2,830	3.1	3.9	6.4
Sweetwater	24,035	24,490	24,741	24,288	- 1.9	- 2.9	- 1.0
Teton	9,218	10,061	9,849	8,736	- 8.4	- 6.4	5.5
Uinta	10,678	10,674	10,997	9,545	0.0	- 2.9	11.9
Washakie	5,264	5,229	5,318	5,216	0.7	- 1.0	0.9
Weston	3,817	3,639	3,728	3,798	4.9	2.4	0.5

1/ Latest month data is subject to revision. Prior month's data are revised figures.

TABLE 2-B
WYOMING TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
Statewide	18,109	20,090	23,420	14,885	6.9	7.6	8.7	5.7
Albany	763	764	916	542	5.4	5.6	6.7	4.0
Big Horn	316	411	546	515	5.2	6.8	8.9	8.4
Campbell	1,207	1,268	1,604	970	5.8	6.0	7.5	4.6
Carbon	996	1,098	1,355	753	9.7	10.8	12.9	7.2
Converse	470	594	690	473	6.0	7.4	8.5	6.0
Crook	157	152	158	93	5.4	5.4	5.5	3.5
Fremont	1,457	1,587	2,039	1,243	8.4	9.1	11.4	7.1
Goshen	237	351	403	277	3.6	5.5	6.3	4.4
Hot Springs	148	137	183	140	5.1	5.0	6.6	5.1
Johnson	184	187	237	210	4.4	4.7	5.8	5.4
Laramie	2,164	2,176	2,388	1,305	6.5	6.5	7.1	4.1
Lincoln	487	553	746	553	8.5	9.9	12.7	9.3
Natrona	3,794	4,097	4,955	3,220	9.1	9.9	11.7	7.4
Niobrara	102	112	156	84	6.7	7.2	9.7	5.8
Park	578	640	744	717	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.9
Platte	350	418	377	252	8.0	9.6	8.6	5.9
Sheridan	922	934	957	765	7.1	7.2	7.5	6.2
Sublette	148	212	172	130	4.9	7.3	5.9	4.6
Sweetwater	2,062	2,555	2,634	1,392	8.6	10.4	10.6	5.7
Teton	302	337	388	285	3.3	3.3	3.9	3.3
Uinta	783	934	1,106	465	7.3	8.8	10.1	4.9
Washakie	222	333	369	278	4.2	6.4	6.9	5.3
Weston	260	241	298	224	6.8	6.6	8.0	5.9

TABLE 3
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/ (In Thousands)				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1983 FROM		
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
WYOMING							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	219.2	214.6	214.1	221.7	2.1	2.4	- 1.1
Manufacturing	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.1	- 1.0	0.0	4.4
Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.4	0.0	2.1	9.1
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	- 7.1
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	209.7	205.0	204.6	212.6	2.3	2.5	- 1.4
Mining	37.5	37.4	36.3	37.7	0.3	3.3	- 0.5
Contract Construction	24.2	24.7	26.0	19.4	- 2.0	- 6.9	24.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	16.1	16.2	16.5	17.3	- 0.6	- 2.4	- 6.9
Railroad Transportation	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	- 3.0	- 8.6	- 11.1
Transportation except Railroads	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.3	- 3.1	0.0	0.0
Utilities	6.6	6.4	6.7	7.4	3.1	- 1.5	- 10.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	47.3	48.0	47.8	49.3	- 1.5	- 1.0	- 4.1
Wholesale Trade	9.2	9.2	9.1	10.3	0.0	1.1	- 10.7
Retail Trade	38.1	38.8	38.7	39.0	- 1.8	- 1.6	- 2.3
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.0	- 5.0	- 1.7	- 5.0
Food Stores	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	1.9	0.0	1.9
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.4	- 4.5	- 5.9	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	13.4	13.5	13.4	14.0	- 0.7	0.0	- 4.3
Other Retail Trade	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	- 1.4	- 1.4	- 1.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	- 1.3	- 1.3	- 2.6
Services	31.9	32.7	32.4	34.6	- 2.4	- 1.5	- 7.8
Personal Services	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	- 7.1	- 7.1	- 13.3
Medical & Other Health Services	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.7	- 1.6	0.0	7.0
Government	45.2	38.4	38.0	46.6	17.7	18.9	- 3.0
Federal Government	7.2	7.3	7.3	8.2	- 1.4	- 1.4	- 12.2
State & Local Government	38.0	31.1	30.7	38.4	22.2	23.8	- 1.0
State Government	9.9	9.4	9.7	9.6	5.3	2.1	3.1
Local Government	28.1	21.7	21.0	28.8	29.5	33.8	- 2.4

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

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INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/ (In Thousands)				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1983 FROM		
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
CASPER (Natrona County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	37.8	36.8	36.5	40.5	2.7	3.6	- 6.7
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	- 6.7
Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	- 10.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurables	10.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	- 20.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	36.4	35.4	35.1	39.0	2.8	3.7	- 6.7
Mining	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.2	3.1	6.5	- 8.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	6.1	5.9	5.7	6.7	3.4	7.0	- 9.0
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	2.1	2.1	2.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	- 3.8	- 3.8	- 7.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.4	9.5	9.6	10.1	- 1.1	- 2.1	- 6.9
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.1	- 2.6	0.0	- 9.8
Retail Trade	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0	0.0	- 3.4	- 5.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	- 5.6	- 5.6	- 5.6
Services	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.1	0.0	0.0	- 8.2
Government	5.7	4.7	4.5	6.3	- 21.3	26.7	- 9.5
Federal Government	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	11.1	- 11.1	- 11.1
State & Local Government	4.9	3.8	3.6	5.4	28.9	36.1	- 9.3

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
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INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/ (In Thousands)				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1983 FROM		
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	30.4	29.9	30.0	30.1	1.7	1.3	1.0
Manufacturing	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5	0.0	0.0	- 20.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	29.2	28.7	28.8	28.6	1.7	1.4	2.1
Contract Construction	2.1	2.3	2.2	1.7	- 8.7	- 4.5	23.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	- 2.8	- 7.9	- 12.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.1	0.0	0.0	8.5
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	6.7	6.7	23.1
Retail Trade	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.8	- 1.6	- 1.6	5.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services & Mining	4.6	4.6	4.5	5.1	0.0	2.2	- 9.8
Government	9.8	9.0	9.1	9.2	8.9	7.7	6.5
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	8.7
State & Local Government	7.3	6.5	6.6	6.9	12.3	10.6	5.8

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures.

TABLE 4
AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING AND THE U.S.A.

INDUSTRY AREA	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	SEP 1982
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - U.S.A.				
Manufacturing	$ 362.64	$ 353.36	$ 354.40	$ 334.15
Mining	486.49	480.38	475.31	461.58
Construction	456.44	449.92	450.00	432.21
Trans. & Pub. Utilities	430.81	419.44	425.71	405.85
Trade	208.63	209.30	210.60	200.30
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	263.52	261.00	264.99	249.09
Services	239.11	237.66	237.66	228.57
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - WYOMING				
Manufacturing	$ 334.02	$ 339.34	$ 329.35	$ 311.45
Mining	482.80	480.35	480.54	448.88
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	40.7	40.2	40.0	38.9
Manufacturing - Wyoming	37.7	38.3	37.9	36.3
Mining - U.S.A.	42.9	42.7	42.1	42.0
Mining - Wyoming	40.1	39.6	39.1	37.5
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	$ 8.91	$ 8.79	$ 8.86	$ 8.59
Manufacturing - Wyoming	8.86	8.86	8.69	8.58
Mining - U.S.A.	11.34	11.25	11.29	10.99
Mining - Wyoming	12.04	12.13	12.29	11.97

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WYOMING LABOR FORCE TRENDS

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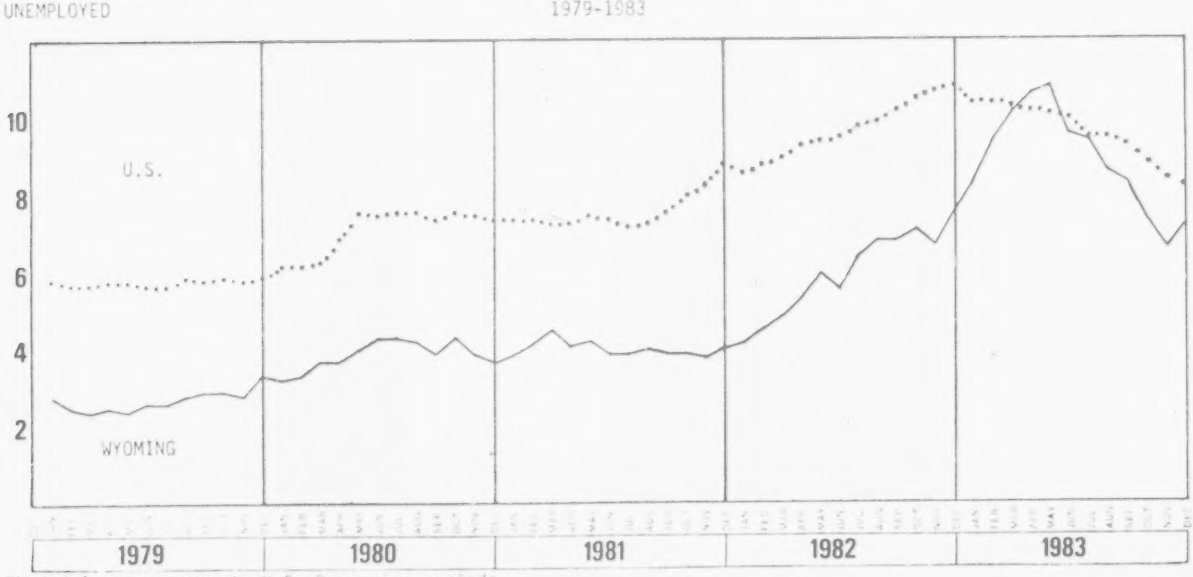
LABOR FORCE TRENDS RETURNS TO A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

In the following months the Labor Force Trends will once again become a monthly publication. The format and content will remain the same, but in the future the information will be available on a monthly basis.

NATIONAL SCENE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Seen from the graph on this page is an over-the-year drop in the nation's unemployment rates. In December 1983 there were 2.7 million fewer people unemployed than there were in December 1982. The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has gone from 10.7 percent to 8.2 percent between December 1982 and December 1983. The number of employed people jumped from nearly 99 million to almost 103 million for a gain of four percent over that same 12-month period.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WYOMING AND THE U.S.
(Seasonally Adjusted)
1979-1983



Shaded Areas represents U.S. Recession periods determined by National Bureau of Economic Research

Source: Wyoming Department of Employment Security

Those people out of work for 15 weeks or more are considered the long-term unemployed. The figure of 4.7 million recorded in December 1982 dropped to 3.4 million in December 1983.

Job losers are unemployed because they were laid off or permanently separated from their jobs. Over the year eighty percent of the overall reduction in joblessness took place among those job losers. The remaining 20 percent of the reduction was accounted for by some of the job leavers, new entrants and re-entrants finding work.

The just announced seasonally adjusted national rate for January fell to 8.0 percent. This is the lowest rate recorded since October of 1981. In January an estimated nine million people were out of work. This compared to the national figure of nearly 10.4 million unemployed in September of 1983.

WYOMING UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DECLINED FOR SIX STRAIGHT MONTHS

From May through October 1983, the statewide total unemployment rate dropped an average of 0.6 percent a month. This year's high was 10.3 percent in April. The year's low of 6.5 percent recorded in October jumped to 6.8 percent in November and in December increased again to 7.3 percent. The fourth quarter average of 6.9 was a drop from the third quarter average of 7.5 percent. This 6.9 percent also compares favorably with the 7.2 percent average of 1982's fourth quarter.

OVER 18,000 WITHOUT JOBS IN DECEMBER

Wyoming's total number of unemployed in December 1983 was 18,178, which was down from the December 1982 figure of 19,737. This is also 32 percent less than the high of 26,554 experienced in April 1983.

In December, Wyoming unemployment benefit payments totaled nearly $3.9 million. This is 46 percent more than the $2.6 million paid in October of 1983. However, it is also interesting to note that this $3.9 million is a decrease of 53 percent from the $8.3 million paid in December of 1982.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

September 1983 employment reached an all-time high of nearly 258,000. However, most years see an employment drop during the fourth quarter, and 1983 was no exception. Employment in December was 231,363 which was a 10 percent drop from September.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY LAGS IN WYOMING

On the following page is some annual average labor force data for the last five years. Keep in mind that the labor force is the sum of those employed and those considered unemployed. In some cases they don't add to total because of rounding. Also remember that the unemployment rate is simply the ratio of the number of unemployed to the total labor force.

ANNUAL AVERAGES

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	Percent Avg. Ann. Change
LABOR FORCE	224,000	235,000	251,000	256,000	262,000	4.2
EMPLOYMENT	217,000	225,000	241,000	241,000	240,000	2.6
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,000	9,000	10,000	15,000	22,000	40.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	2.8	4.0	4.1	5.8	8.4	XXX

In 1979 Wyoming's unadjusted unemployment rates were the lowest in the nation for the seven month period of April through October. Obviously 1979 through 1981 were the boom years for the state's economy. However, note the trend for the employment figures, especially for the last three years. While the labor force was growing by five to six thousand a year the number of people employed stayed the same or decreased slightly. The result is that the number of unemployed more than doubled from 10,000 to 22,000 in two years.

RECOVERY IN WYOMING?

As noted in the third quarter's Trends, the declines recorded in the number of unemployed for the last six months does not necessarily signal a recovery for the Cowboy state. Close inspection reveals that the total labor force has also been decreasing, although not quite as fast.

There are several other reasons why Wyoming has yet to recover from the recession. The nation's factories and utilities that use Wyoming's energy resources do not call for more of those resources until they have used the inventories that were stockpiled during the recession. Thus Wyoming's recovery will lag several month's behind that of the nation.

Also, many people who have exhausted all their unemployment insurance benefits continue to be unemployed. Many authorities contend that a substantial portion of the jobless have left the state to return to families and/or look for work elsewhere. In addition, there are many people without jobs who are discouraged and and are no longer looking for employment. Because they aren't looking for a job they are not considered unemployed.

WYOMING COUNTY TRENDS

The state's total labor force declined by nearly 10 percent from September to December. All 23 counties posted declines. During the same time-span employment also dropped by 10 percent, whereas unemployment grew by 4 percent.

Natrona County accounted for 21 percent of the total number of unemployed in July, but in December the 2,787 unemployed represented 15 percent. The closing of U.S. Steel's Atlantic City iron ore mine on October 1 continued to paint a bleak picture for Fremont county into December. The year ending month shows 2,277 unemployed in Fremont county. Their unemployment rate of 11.9 percent in December was the highest in the state.

Lincoln and Platte counties also saw their unemployment rates jump back up to double digits in December. While the statewide rate went from 6.5 percent in October to 7.3 percent in December, Lincoln county went from 7.7 percent to 10.0 percent and Platte county went from 7.9 percent to 10.4 percent during the same period. The next two highest counties, Carbon and Sheridan, had December rates of 9.3 percent and 8.4 percent respectively. Counties with the lowest rates were: Hot Springs at 3.5 percent, Niobrara at 4.4 percent, and Park with a December rate of 4.6 percent.

Manufacturing industries saw an employment decline of nearly 900 between October and December. Construction also declined by about 700 during the same time period. The rest of the industries declined slightly except for Government, which increased by 700 over those two months.

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

December data ranks Wyoming at 32nd in the nation with a 7.3 percent unadjusted unemployment rate. Wyoming's neighboring states are ranked: Montana 21st, with an 8.8 percent rate; Idaho 23rd, with an 8.0 percent rate; Utah 26th, with an 7.9 percent rate; Colorado 46th, with a 5.3 percent rate; and South Dakota 48th, with 5.3 percent rate. New Hampshire continued to have the lowest unemployment at 4.3 percent, while West Virginia and Alabama had the highest unemployment with 15.7 and 12.3 percent respectively.

WAGE AND SALARY INFORMATION

According to information recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wyoming ranked fifth (including Washington, D.C.) in average annual pay for 1982. The $17,990 a year figure was a 4.4 percent increase over 1981. The United States average increased as a whole by 6.6 percent, to $16,732 a year. By percent increase, Wyoming ranked 47th out of 51, which further shows the extent to which the recession has hurt the state.

These figures are for workers covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs. In 1982, UI covered 88.8 percent of all workers in the United States.

Of the 314 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), Casper, Wyoming ranked 15th in average annual pay and 291st in percent change between 1981 and 1982. Covered workers in Casper averaged $19,464 in annual pay for 1982.

In the third quarter of 1983, Wyoming's covered workers earned an average of $336.23 a week. Campbell county workers averaged $428.35 a week, which was a 13 percent drop from the third quarter of 1982. Other counties following Campbell are: Sweetwater at $428 a week, Unita $384, Natrona $374, and Lincoln $358. Lowest was Goshen county at $256 a week.

From Table 4 it can be seen that miners are paid more in Wyoming than they are nationally. Conversely, manufacturing pays more in the rest of the states than here in Wyoming. This helps illustrate the relative importance of mining to Wyoming and manufacturing to the United States as a whole.

TABLE 1
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1983 FROM		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
SELECTED CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT DATA							
Employed Labor Force	231,363	238,880	247,583	231,031	- 3.1	- 6.6	0.1
a) Covered Employment 2/	179,700	184,300	189,100	192,152	- 2.5	- 5.0	- 6.5
b) Agriculture 3/	10,270	11,539	13,418	10,459	- 11.0	- 23.5	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	7.3%	6.8%	6.5%	8.0%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	7.2%	6.6%	7.3%	7.8%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate-U.S.A.	8.0%	8.1%	8.4%	10.5%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	8.2%	8.4%	8.8%	10.7%	XXX	XXX	XXX
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE							
Claims Filed in Local Offices	34,075	25,103	21,720	58,433	35.7	56.9	- 41.7
a) Initial - Regular	3,575	3,967	2,965	5,977	- 9.9	20.6	- 40.2
Weeks Compensated	30,272	22,435	21,368	34,493	34.9	41.7	- 12.2
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 3,884,906	$ 2,881,170	$ 2,661,187	$ 8,281,794	34.8	46.0	- 25.8
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 128.33	$ 128.42	$ 124.50	$ 151.64	- 0.1	3.1	- 15.5
Insured Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	3.5%	3.0%	2.4%	5.2%	XXX	XXX	XXX
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE							
New Applications Received	3,409	3,242	2,708	4,839	5.2	25.9	- 29.6
Non-Agri. Openings Received	1,566	1,678	2,284	2,640	- 6.7	- 31.4	- 40.7
Non-Agri. Placements	2,269	2,170	2,007	1,550	4.6	13.1	46.4
PRICE INDEXES - 1967=100							
Consumer Price Index							
All Urban - All Items	303.5	303.1	302.6	292.4	0.1	0.3	3.8
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	301.5	301.4	301.3	292.0	0.0	0.1	3.3
Producer Prices, All Commodities	306.0	305.6	306.3	300.7	0.1	- 0.1	1.8
Retail Prices of Food	293.9	292.5	292.9	286.5	0.5	0.3	2.6

1/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures. 2/ Covered under Wyoming U.I Law, not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 3/ Not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey.

TABLE 2-A
WYOMING TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1983 FROM		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
Statewide	249,541	256,314	264,851	248,744	- 2.6	- 5.8	0.3
Albany	14,410	14,577	14,947	13,437	- 1.1	- 3.6	7.2
Big Horn	5,153	5,431	5,701	5,997	- 5.1	- 9.6	- 14.1
Campbell	17,853	18,738	19,675	20,759	- 4.7	- 9.3	- 14.0
Carbon	9,760	10,141	10,486	10,293	- 3.8	- 6.9	- 5.2
Converse	7,082	7,263	7,443	7,552	- 2.5	- 4.9	- 6.2
Crook	2,892	3,023	3,148	2,453	- 4.3	- 8.1	17.9
Fremont	19,199	19,695	20,473	16,840	- 2.5	- 6.2	14.0
Goshen	6,866	7,074	7,286	5,869	- 2.9	- 5.8	17.0
Hot Springs	2,926	3,046	3,081	2,538	- 3.9	- 5.0	15.3
Johnson	4,373	4,380	4,633	3,523	- 0.2	- 5.6	24.1
Laramie	32,772	33,022	33,457	32,097	- 0.8	- 2.0	2.1
Lincoln	5,782	5,956	6,189	5,696	- 2.9	- 6.6	1.5
Natrona	37,516	38,703	39,490	42,166	- 3.1	- 5.0	- 11.0
Niobrara	1,522	1,630	1,754	1,233	- 6.6	- 13.2	23.4
Park	12,782	13,267	13,722	11,739	- 3.7	- 6.9	8.9
Platte	3,998	4,065	4,239	3,859	- 1.6	- 5.7	3.6
Sheridan	13,819	13,993	14,673	11,862	- 1.2	- 5.8	16.5
Sublette	2,413	2,511	2,596	2,472	- 3.9	- 7.0	- 2.4
Sweetwater	21,465	22,340	23,467	23,761	- 3.9	- 8.5	- 9.7
Teton	7,197	7,262	7,462	6,634	- 0.9	- 3.6	8.5
Uinta	10,672	11,011	11,441	9,502	- 3.1	- 6.7	12.3
Washakie	5,369	5,436	5,585	4,942	- 1.2	- 3.9	8.6
Weston	3,720	3,749	3,900	3,520	- 0.8	- 4.6	5.7

1/ Latest month data is subject to revision. Prior month's data are revised figures.

TABLE 2-B
WYOMING TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
Statewide	18,178	17,434	17,268	19,737	7.3	6.8	6.5	7.9
Albany	785	680	609	871	5.4	4.7	4.1	6.5
Big Horn	296	293	304	597	5.7	5.4	5.3	10.0
Campbell	964	933	1,030	1,193	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.7
Carbon	908	862	864	1,117	9.3	8.5	8.2	10.9
Converse	531	450	452	573	7.5	6.2	6.1	7.6
Crook	154	149	146	175	5.3	4.9	4.6	7.1
Fremont	2,277	2,256	2,320	1,537	11.9	11.5	11.3	9.1
Goshen	373	351	254	325	5.4	5.0	3.5	5.5
Hot Springs	103	130	113	141	3.5	4.3	3.7	5.6
Johnson	318	231	215	271	7.3	5.3	4.6	7.7
Laramie	2,535	2,183	2,046	2,080	7.7	6.6	6.1	6.5
Lincoln	578	527	477	789	10.0	8.8	7.7	13.9
Natrona	2,787	2,787	3,018	4,086	7.4	7.2	7.6	9.7
Niobrara	67	60	82	59	4.4	3.7	4.7	4.8
Park	582	625	582	752	4.6	4.7	4.2	6.4
Platte	417	373	333	363	10.4	9.2	7.9	9.4
Sheridan	1,166	1,015	945	1,089	8.4	7.3	6.4	9.2
Sublette	116	107	130	114	4.8	4.3	5.0	4.6
Sweetwater	1,580	1,739	1,856	1,776	7.4	7.8	7.9	7.5
Teton	566	603	390	623	7.9	8.3	5.2	9.4
Uinta	507	539	584	659	4.8	4.9	5.1	6.9
Washakie	341	307	272	300	6.4	5.6	4.9	6.1
Weston	227	234	244	247	6.1	6.2	6.3	7.0

TABLE 3
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/ (In Thousands)				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1983 FROM		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
WYOMING							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	215.3	215.4	217.5	210.7	- 1.0	- 1.0	2.2
Manufacturing	9.2	9.6	10.1	9.3	- 4.2	- 8.9	- 1.1
Durable Goods	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.1	- 4.4	- 8.5	4.9
Nondurable Goods	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.2	- 1.0	- 9.3	- 5.8
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	- 7.7	- 7.7	- 14.3
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	206.1	205.8	207.4	201.4	0.1	- 0.6	2.3
Mining	37.5	37.4	37.4	37.7	0.3	0.3	- 0.5
Contract Construction	22.0	22.3	22.7	15.0	- 1.3	- 3.1	46.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	16.1	16.3	16.4	17.1	- 1.2	- 1.8	- 5.8
Railroad Transportation	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 2.9	- 5.7	- 2.9
Transportation except Railroads	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	0.0	- 1.6
Utilities	6.5	6.6	6.6	7.3	- 1.5	- 1.5	- 11.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	45.7	45.6	46.2	47.7	0.2	- 1.1	- 4.2
Wholesale Trade	9.3	9.1	9.2	9.8	2.2	1.1	- 5.1
Retail Trade	36.4	36.5	37.0	37.9	- 0.3	- 1.6	- 4.0
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.9	3.6	5.6	- 3.4
Food Stores	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	0.0	- 1.8	- 1.8
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.9	0.0	- 1.7	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	12.3	12.7	13.0	13.1	- 3.1	- 5.4	- 6.1
Other Retail Trade	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.5	1.4	0.0	- 5.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.6	1.4	0.0	- 1.3
Services	28.4	28.3	29.0	29.9	0.4	- 2.1	- 5.0
Personal Services	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.0	7.7	0.0
Medical & Other Health Services	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	5.3
Government	48.9	48.5	48.2	46.4	0.8	1.5	5.4
Federal Government	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	0.0	0.0	1.4
State & Local Government	41.9	41.5	41.2	39.5	1.0	1.7	6.1
State Government	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	0.0	0.0	1.0
Local Government	31.5	31.1	30.8	29.2	1.3	2.3	7.9

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/ (In Thousands)				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1983 FROM		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
CASPER (Natrona County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	37.9	38.1	38.1	38.3	- 0.5	- 0.5	- 1.0
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurables	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	36.5	36.7	36.7	36.9	- 0.5	- 0.5	- 1.1
Mining	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	0.0	- 1.5	- 1.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	0.0	- 1.6	- 1.6
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.1	- 6.4	- 8.3	7.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 7.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.8	- 1.0	1.0	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	- 2.6	0.0	- 2.6
Retail Trade	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	0.0	1.7	0.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	0.0	- 5.6
Services	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.8	1.9	0.0	- 5.2
Government	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.0	1.7	3.4	1.7
Federal Government	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	12.5	12.5	12.8
State & Local Government	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	0.0	2.0	0.0

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/ (In Thousands)				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1983 FROM		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	30.0	30.1	30.4	29.7	- 0.3	- 1.3	1.0
Manufacturing	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	- 14.3
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	28.8	28.9	29.2	28.3	- 0.3	- 1.4	1.8
Contract Construction	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.4	- 5.0	- 5.0	35.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8	- 5.4	- 7.9	- 7.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.4	0.0	- 1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.0	- 6.7	0.0
Retail Trade	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	7.1	0.0	0.0
Services & Mining	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Government	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.5	1.0	1.0	2.1
Federal Government	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
State & Local Government	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1	0.0	0.0	1.4

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures.

TABLE 4
AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING AND THE U.S.A.

INDUSTRY AREA	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	DEC 1982
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - U.S.A.				
Manufacturing	$ 372.86	$ 366.38	$ 363.04	$ 344.60
Mining	493.34	489.92	490.32	465.47
Construction	444.74	430.06	449.09	440.13
Trans. & Pub. Utilities	440.50	432.69	430.64	416.30
Trade	212.22	209.90	210.24	203.15
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	267.12	266.04	270.44	254.46
Services	242.96	241.24	242.39	232.11
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - WYOMING				
Manufacturing	$ 332.72	$ 316.11	$ 307.35	$ 298.89
Mining	552.11	462.20	465.52	470.53
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	41.2	40.8	40.7	39.7
Manufacturing - Wyoming	38.2	36.8	37.3	36.9
Mining - U.S.A.	43.2	42.9	43.2	42.2
Mining - Wyoming	41.3	37.7	38.6	38.6
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	$ 9.05	$ 8.98	$ 8.92	$ 8.68
Manufacturing - Wyoming	8.71	8.59	8.24	8.10
Mining - U.S.A.	11.42	11.42	11.35	11.03
Mining - Wyoming	12.48	12.26	12.06	12.19

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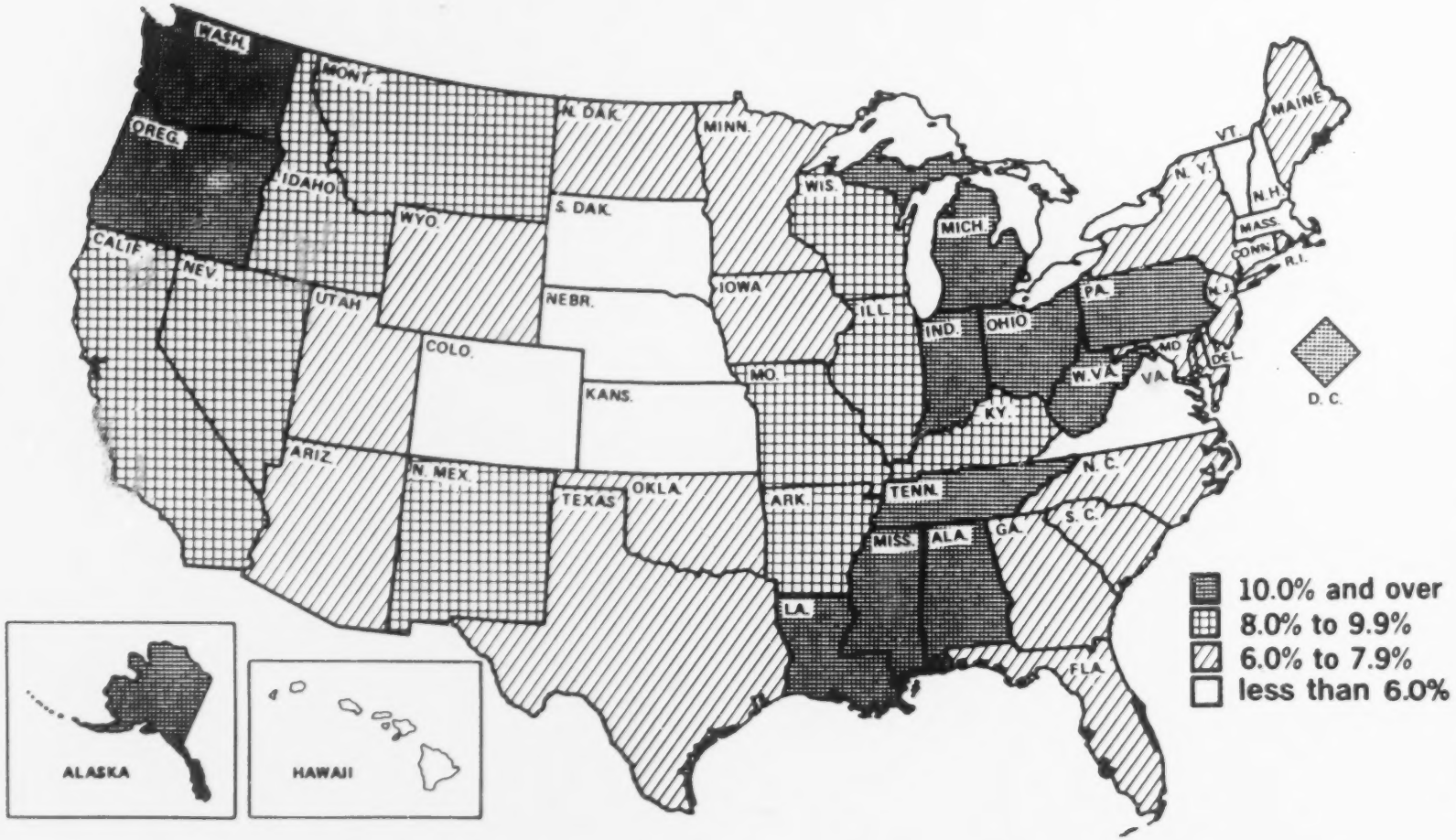
Unemployment Rates by State, December 1983



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WYOMING LABOR FORCE TRENDS

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF WYOMING
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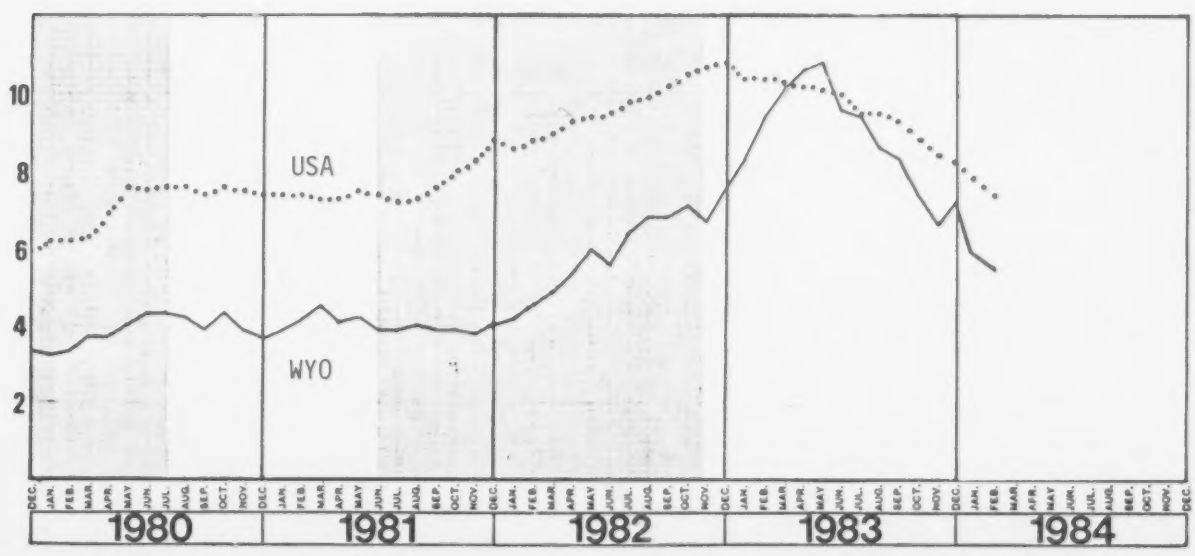
WYOMING 1983 UNEMPLOYMENT AVERAGED 8.4 PERCENT

According to recent data released by the U.S. Department of Labor, in 1983 Wyoming ranked 32nd among the states, with an average unemployment rate of 8.4 percent, which compared to the U.S. annual average of 9.6 percent. The 8.4 percent rate, up from 5.8 percent in 1982, was the highest annual average ever recorded in the Cowboy State since 1960 when state and area unemployment data were first computed. In 1983 the average unemployment rate for adult men was 8.5 percent, adult women 6.6 percent, and teenagers 17.3 percent.

Just really how bad was 1983 when 22,000 individuals were jobless? Compared to 1979 when the annual unemployment level was 2.8 percent, lowest in the entire nation, as was 1980 with 4.0 percent, and unemployment numbered a paltry 6,000 people, 1983 looks like a disaster. However, compared to the nation and even neighboring states,

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WYOMING AND THE U.S.
(Seasonally Adjusted)
1980-1984



Shaded Areas represent U.S. Recession periods determined by National Bureau of Economic Research

Source: Wyoming Department of Employment Security

the Wyoming economy appears to be better than average.

In 1983, Idaho, Utah, and Montana had higher unemployment with 9.8, 9.2, and 8.8 percent, as did the U.S., with 9.6 percent. On the other side of the coin, Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota had lower unemployment at 6.6, 5.7, and 5.4 percent. South Dakota and New Hampshire, at 5.4 percent, had the lowest rate, and West Virginia had the highest unemployment in 1983 at 18.0 percent.

WYOMING LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE RANKS 3RD

In 1982 the U.S. labor force participation rate, which is a measure of the number of people in the labor force as a proportion of the entire non-institutional population, was 64.0 percent. This compares to Wyoming's rate, for the same year, of 71.4 percent, third highest in the nation behind Nevada and Alaska. The male rate was 82.8 percent and the female rate was 59.8 percent.

In 1983, even with the increase in unemployment--5.8 percent in 1982 to 8.4 percent--preliminary data from the U.S. Department of Labor indicates the Wyoming labor force participation rate went to 72.4 percent, with the male rate at 84.5 percent and the female rate at 60.7. Wyoming women, however, had a 1983 average unemployment rate of 7.4 percent, compared to the male rate of 9.1 percent. This reverses the trend of the boom years, 1979-1981 when the male unemployment rate was substantially lower than the female.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AT 7.8 PERCENT

U.S. unemployment fell 0.2 percentage points in February to 7.8 percent, seasonally adjusted, down from 10.4 percent a year ago. This means 2.7 million less people were unemployed than a year ago. The February count was 8.8 million unemployed. The unemployment rate for adult men was 7.0 percent, adult women 6.9 percent, and teenagers 19.3 percent. Job losers accounted for about 54 percent of the jobless total.

WYOMING UNEMPLOYMENT AT 5.6 PERCENT

In 1984, Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment continues below the national level of 7.8 percent in February, with a 5.6 percent rate. In addition, seasonally adjusted unemployment declines in the state are exceeding that of the nation, going from 9.8 percent in April 1983 to 5.6 percent in February. The national rate has gone from 10.8 percent, in December 1982, to 7.8 percent in February.

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE AT ABOUT YEAR AGO LEVEL

In February, the Wyoming labor force was estimated at 252,700 and remained close to last year's level, up around just one percent, about the same growth rate as the nation. Most industrial sectors indicated employment at or slightly below year ago levels with the exception of construction, retail trade, and government. The annual gain in construction employment was notable, at 2,100 workers and 16 percent. Highway and heavy construction projects have given this industry a shot in the arm.

AREA TRENDS - A CHANGE FROM THE PAST

In February, labor force annual percentage gains were led by Park, Laramie, Sheridan, Niobrara, and Teton Counties, with increases in the 7-10 percent range.

Contrast this with just a couple of years ago when Sweetwater, Natrona, Campbell, and Uinta registered annual growth rates of 10-25 percent. Of these four counties all except Uinta indicated over-the-year employment losses in February 1984. In 1984 a good industrial mix coupled with less dependence on energy related employment appears to be the key to steady economic growth in Wyoming.

Fremont County continued with the highest unemployment rate, for the fifth consecutively month, at 11.0 percent. Lincoln County was second at 10.4 percent, followed by Carbon at 9.9 percent. Natrona County's unemployment held at 6.0 percent with almost 2,400 individuals unemployed.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know that Wyoming is the only state that has more motor vehicles than people, along with the highest traffic fatality rate in the nation? We also consume the most energy, rank 46th in annual average temperature, get married, divorced, and give birth more frequently than the norm. In addition, Wyomingites make and spend more money than the national average, and have an average median age of only 27.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - (1967=100)

ALL URBAN

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
February 1984	306.6	302.1	331.0	243.6	196.2	305.8	373.2
Annual % Change	4.6	4.5	3.9	4.5	2.2	5.5	6.2

WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
February 1984	303.3	302.1	324.2	242.9	195.4	307.7	371.3
Annual % Change	3.8	4.4	2.1	4.5	2.3	5.7	6.4

HISTORICAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEATURED

Included in this month's publication is a historical chart on the movement of the CPI since 1967 for all urban customers. Note that 1967 is the base year with an index of 100.

WYOMING'S 1983 LABOR FORCE BENCHMARKED TO SPECIAL SURVEY

The 1983 Wyoming labor force information was recently adjusted, or benchmarked, to agree with data obtained by Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is conducted monthly by the U.S. Bureau of Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), in which a cross section of each state and the nation is interviewed in a monthly household survey. Wyoming's sample consists of over 700 households. Questions asked in this study apply to all persons 16 years of age or over and primarily covers employment and unemployment. In addition, county data is revised with covered employment statistics which are unavailable when preliminary or current labor force estimates are computed. These adjustments are necessary to make monthly estimates as accurate as possible and consistent from state-to-state and with national estimates.

Listed below are the annual averages for 1980-1983 as determined by the CPS. Survey results are rounded to the nearest thousand.

	1980	1981	1982	1983
Civilian Labor Force	235,000	251,000	256,000	262,000
Employment	225,000	241,000	241,000	240,000
Unemployment	9,000	10,000	15,000	22,000
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.1%	5.8%	8.4%

Table 1 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

ITEM	FEB 1984 1/	JAN 1984 1/	FEB 1983 2/	Percent Change From A Month Ago	Percent Change From A Year Ago
WYOMING EMPLOYMENT DATA					
Total Civilian Labor Force	252,691	250,952	249,389	0.7	1.3
Unemployment	16,489	17,011	25,097	- 3.1	- 34.3
Employed Labor Force	236,202	233,941	224,292	1.0	5.3
a. Covered Employment (Under Wyo. UI Law) 3/	171,335	173,890	182,271	- 1.5	- 6.0
b. Agriculture 3/	9,613	8,011	9,790	20.0	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate (Wyo.) Seas. Adjd.*	6.5% 5.6%*	6.8% 5.9%*	10.1% 8.7%*	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate (U.S.) Seas. Adjd.*	8.4% 7.8%*	8.6% 8.0%*	11.3%10.4%*	XXX	XXX
Insured Unemployment Rate (Wyo.) 4/	3.8%	3.8%	6.6%	XXX	XXX
HOURS & EARNINGS					
Mining (Production Workers):					
Average Weekly Earnings	$ 549.84	$ 540.93	$ 496.80	1.6	10.7
Average Weekly Hours	43.5	41.9	40.0	3.8	8.8
Average Hourly Earnings	$ 12.64	$ 12.91	$ 12.42	2.1	1.8
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
Claims Filed in Local Office	31,316	34,358	57,664	- 8.9	- 45.7
a. Initial	2,672	4,529	4,104	- 41.0	- 34.9
Weeks Compensated	28,036	29,186	58,612	- 3.9	- 52.2
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$3,538,113	$3,719,532	$8,859,731	- 4.9	- 60.1
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 126.20	$ 127.44	$ 151.16	- 1.0	- 16.5
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE					
New Applications Received During Month	2,951	3,613	3,725	- 18.3	- 20.8
Non-Ag. Openings Received	1,288	1,492	1,316	- 13.7	- 2.1
Non-Ag. Placements	1,884	1,814	1,128	3.9	67.0
UNITED STATES DATA					
HOURS & EARNINGS					
Mining (Production Workers):					
Average Weekly Earnings	$ 498.51	$ 503.14	$ 464.63	- 0.9	7.3
Average Weekly Hours	43.5	43.6	41.3	- 0.2	5.3
Average Hourly Earnings	$ 11.46	$ 11.54	$ 11.25	- 0.7	1.9
PRICE INDEXES					
Consumer Price Index 1967=100	306.6	305.2	293.2	0.5	4.6
Producer Prices, All Commodities	308.8	308.1	303.1	0.2	1.9
Retail Prices of Food 1967=100	302.1	299.4	289.0	0.9	4.5

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Final. 3/ Not Benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 4/ Rate does not include claimants receiving benefits under extended benefit provision.

Table 2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

& UNEMPLOYMENT

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE					UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	FEB 1984	JAN 1984	FEB 1983	% CHANGE JAN-FEB	% CHANGE FEB-FEB	FEB 1984	JAN 1984	FEB 1983	FEB 1984	JAN 1984	FEB 1983
Statewide	252,691	250,952	249,389	0.7	1.3	16,489	17,011	25,097	6.5	6.8	10.1
Albany	14,975	14,700	14,336	1.9	4.5	707	825	1,120	4.7	5.6	7.8
Big Horn	4,730	4,711	5,377	0.4	- 12.0	303	288	788	6.4	6.1	14.7
Campbell	18,166	17,901	19,311	1.5	- 5.9	935	966	1,665	5.1	5.4	8.6
Carbon	9,618	9,481	9,793	1.4	- 1.8	951	857	1,213	9.9	9.0	12.4
Converse	6,955	7,003	7,077	- 0.7	- 1.7	452	513	785	6.5	7.3	11.1
Crook	2,717	2,657	2,619	2.3	3.7	140	166	225	5.2	6.2	8.6
Fremont	19,426	19,230	18,296	1.0	6.2	2,130	2,334	2,074	11.0	12.1	11.3
Goshen	6,722	6,691	6,387	0.5	5.2	272	336	463	4.0	5.0	7.2
Hot Springs	2,909	2,845	2,861	2.2	1.7	106	95	278	3.6	3.3	9.7
Johnson	4,005	4,013	3,909	- 0.2	2.5	238	286	411	5.9	7.1	10.5
Laramie	35,212	35,287	32,760	- 0.2	7.5	2,110	2,217	2,479	6.0	6.3	7.6
Lincoln	5,834	5,773	5,714	1.1	2.1	606	586	1,098	10.4	10.2	19.2
Natrona	39,731	39,617	40,585	0.3	- 2.1	2,371	2,360	4,564	6.0	6.0	11.2
Niobrara	1,505	1,455	1,373	3.4	9.6	63	46	98	4.2	3.2	7.1
Park	12,861	12,516	12,032	2.8	6.9	636	610	1,166	4.9	4.9	9.7
Platte	3,850	3,711	3,911	3.7	- 1.6	302	346	386	7.8	9.3	9.9
Sheridan	13,742	13,559	12,563	1.3	9.4	1,017	1,177	1,249	7.4	8.7	9.9
Sublette	2,349	2,175	2,402	8.0	- 2.2	178	88	230	7.6	4.0	9.6
Sweetwater	20,805	20,921	22,537	- 0.6	- 7.7	1,297	1,384	2,377	6.2	6.6	10.5
Teton	7,402	7,387	6,705	0.2	10.4	597	487	784	8.1	6.6	11.7
Uinta	10,257	10,345	10,091	- 0.9	1.6	604	480	806	5.9	4.6	8.0
Washakie	5,273	5,307	5,116	- 0.6	3.1	264	337	513	5.0	6.4	10.0
Weston	3,644	3,670	3,632	- 0.7	0.3	208	229	325	5.7	6.2	8.9

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ALL ITEMS 1967=100

* Percentage increase from the previous year by month

** Percentage change from month to month

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN. AVG.	ANN. AVG. INCREASE (PERCENT)
1967	98.6	98.7	98.9	99.1	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.5	100.7	101.0	101.3	101.6	100.0	2.9
1968	102.0	102.3	102.8	103.1	103.4	104.0	104.5	104.8	105.1	105.7	106.1	106.4	104.2	4.2
1969	106.7	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.0	109.7	110.2	110.7	111.2	111.6	112.2	112.9	109.8	5.4
1970	113.3	113.9	114.5	115.2	115.7	116.3	116.7	116.9	117.5	118.1	118.5	119.1	116.3	5.9
1971	119.2	119.4	119.8	120.2	120.8	121.5	121.8	122.1	122.2	122.4	122.6	123.1	121.3	4.3
1972	123.2	123.8	124.0	124.3	124.7	125.0	125.5	125.7	126.2	126.6	126.9	127.3	125.3	3.3
1973	127.7	128.6	129.8	130.7	131.5	132.4	132.7	135.1	135.5	136.6	137.6	138.5	133.1	6.2
1974	139.7	141.5	143.1	143.9	145.5	146.9	148.0	149.9	151.7	153.0	154.3	155.4	147.7	11.0
1975	156.1	157.2	157.8	158.6	159.3	160.6	162.3	162.8	163.6	164.6	165.6	166.3	161.2	9.1
1976	166.7	167.1	167.5	168.2	169.2	170.1	171.1	171.9	172.6	173.3	173.8	174.3	170.5	5.8
1977	175.3	177.1	178.2	179.6	180.6	181.8	182.6	183.3	184.0	184.5	185.4	186.1	181.5	6.5
1978	187.2	188.4	189.8	191.5	193.3	195.3	196.7	197.8	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	195.4	7.7
1979	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4	225.4	227.5	229.9	217.4	11.3
1980	233.2	236.4	239.8	242.5	244.9	247.6	247.8	249.4	251.7	253.9	256.2	258.4	246.8	13.5
1981	260.5	263.2	265.1	266.8	269.0	271.3	274.4	276.5	279.3	279.9	280.7	281.5	272.4	10.4
1982	282.5	283.4	283.1	284.3	287.1	290.6	292.2	292.8	293.3	294.1	293.6	292.4	289.1	6.1
1983	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	298.4	3.2
1984	305.2	306.6												
*	4.1	4.6												
**	0.6	0.5												

LABOR FORCE 1983

COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	246,916	249,389	254,470	257,918	264,361	279,465	272,493	271,400	276,883	264,851	256,314	249,541	262,000
Albany	14,041	14,336	14,674	14,627	15,268	15,312	15,102	15,056	16,054	14,947	14,577	14,410	14,867
Big Horn	5,297	5,377	5,510	5,653	5,913	6,315	5,911	5,775	5,968	5,701	5,431	5,153	5,667
Campbell	18,880	19,311	19,429	19,697	20,020	20,845	20,284	20,043	20,362	19,675	18,738	17,853	19,595
Carbon	9,756	9,793	9,946	10,436	10,680	11,376	10,883	10,722	10,909	10,486	10,141	9,760	10,407
Converse	7,030	7,077	7,123	7,387	7,449	7,752	7,492	7,402	7,746	7,443	7,263	7,082	7,354
Crook	2,530	2,619	2,713	2,767	2,788	3,247	3,125	3,111	3,243	3,148	3,023	2,892	2,934
Fremont	17,860	18,296	18,773	19,045	19,407	19,783	18,743	18,513	20,226	20,473	19,695	19,199	19,168
Goshen	6,245	6,387	6,683	6,902	7,190	7,481	7,287	7,282	7,502	7,286	7,074	6,866	7,015
Hot Springs	2,787	2,861	2,874	2,873	2,987	3,120	3,027	2,971	3,173	3,081	3,046	2,926	2,977
Johnson	3,885	3,909	3,986	4,069	4,182	4,585	4,368	4,331	4,582	4,633	4,380	4,373	4,274
Laramie	32,432	32,760	33,404	34,128	34,879	36,177	36,470	36,301	35,374	33,457	33,022	32,772	34,265
Lincoln	5,555	5,714	5,954	6,090	6,146	6,558	6,387	6,252	6,611	6,189	5,956	5,782	6,100
Natrona	41,259	40,585	41,051	40,940	41,356	42,243	39,522	40,084	40,654	39,490	38,703	37,516	40,283
Niobrara	1,363	1,373	1,462	1,574	1,641	1,853	1,694	1,649	1,775	1,754	1,630	1,522	1,608
Park	11,702	12,032	12,342	12,628	13,498	16,825	17,652	17,350	15,597	13,722	13,267	12,782	14,116
Platte	3,750	3,911	4,141	4,177	4,465	4,418	4,180	4,218	4,414	4,239	4,065	3,998	4,165
Sheridan	12,239	12,563	13,104	13,306	13,684	14,359	14,027	14,085	15,007	14,673	13,993	13,819	13,738
Sublette	2,269	2,402	2,501	2,592	2,701	2,910	2,672	2,706	2,799	2,596	2,511	2,413	2,589
Sweetwater	22,464	22,537	22,756	22,813	23,237	23,674	22,601	22,728	23,945	23,467	22,340	21,465	22,836
Teton	6,706	6,705	6,925	6,560	6,860	9,917	10,623	10,600	9,678	7,462	7,262	7,197	8,041
Uinta	10,235	10,091	10,287	10,583	10,651	11,229	11,082	11,064	11,646	11,441	11,011	10,672	10,833
Washakie	4,968	5,116	5,081	5,236	5,523	5,665	5,554	5,422	5,621	5,585	5,436	5,369	5,381
Weston	3,665	3,632	3,749	3,838	3,836	3,819	3,807	3,732	3,997	3,900	3,749	3,720	3,787
CASPER CITY	29,727	29,238	29,584	29,506	29,790	30,437	28,478	28,858	29,260	28,392	27,819	26,970	29,005

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COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	223,376	224,292	228,797	231,364	240,053	254,845	250,348	251,143	257,956	247,583	238,880	231,363	240,000
Albany	12,948	13,216	13,576	13,665	14,398	14,423	14,222	14,273	15,230	14,338	13,897	13,625	13,984
Big Horn	4,623	4,589	4,771	4,997	5,273	5,698	5,384	5,355	5,636	5,397	5,138	4,857	5,143
Campbell	17,445	17,646	17,666	17,865	18,389	19,079	18,769	18,767	19,109	18,645	17,805	16,889	18,173
Carbon	8,579	8,580	8,643	8,834	9,288	9,878	9,582	9,601	9,854	9,622	9,279	8,852	9,216
Converse	6,312	6,292	6,307	6,548	6,733	7,017	6,860	6,820	7,272	6,991	6,813	6,551	6,710
Crook	2,327	2,394	2,477	2,512	2,590	3,083	2,973	2,957	3,078	3,002	2,874	2,738	2,750
Fremont	15,933	16,222	16,522	16,784	17,266	17,646	16,784	16,891	18,664	18,153	17,439	16,922	17,102
Goshen	5,840	5,924	6,197	6,503	6,769	7,069	6,899	6,921	7,248	7,032	6,723	6,493	6,635
Hot Springs	2,544	2,583	2,661	2,675	2,781	2,898	2,855	2,834	3,018	2,968	2,916	2,823	2,796
Johnson	3,481	3,498	3,573	3,689	3,838	4,278	4,141	4,141	4,394	4,418	4,149	4,055	3,971
Laramie	30,030	30,281	30,954	31,661	32,573	33,785	34,173	34,076	33,090	31,411	30,839	30,237	31,926
Lincoln	4,602	4,616	4,957	5,018	5,274	5,782	5,670	5,685	6,091	5,712	5,429	5,204	5,337
Natrona	36,504	36,021	36,157	35,981	36,750	37,372	34,929	36,030	36,758	36,472	35,916	34,729	36,135
Niobrara	1,244	1,275	1,334	1,432	1,510	1,670	1,549	1,538	1,670	1,672	1,570	1,455	1,493
Park	10,659	10,866	11,423	11,697	12,620	15,929	16,936	16,697	14,988	13,140	12,642	12,200	13,316
Platte	3,345	3,525	3,734	3,792	4,120	4,045	3,824	3,794	4,048	3,906	3,692	3,581	3,784
Sheridan	11,025	11,314	11,923	12,222	12,738	13,367	13,130	13,152	14,046	13,728	12,978	12,653	12,690
Sublette	2,100	2,172	2,230	2,295	2,451	2,647	2,508	2,491	2,643	2,466	2,404	2,297	2,392
Sweetwater	20,322	20,160	20,372	20,202	20,723	21,010	20,176	20,217	21,837	21,611	20,601	19,885	20,593
Teton	6,021	5,921	6,124	5,689	6,125	9,450	10,260	10,265	9,368	7,072	6,659	6,631	7,465
Uinta	9,565	9,285	9,279	9,109	9,323	9,973	10,055	10,113	10,837	10,857	10,472	10,165	9,919
Washakie	4,586	4,603	4,601	4,760	5,024	5,205	5,140	5,029	5,349	5,313	5,129	5,028	4,981
Weston	3,342	3,307	3,316	3,434	3,497	3,540	3,529	3,494	3,729	3,656	3,515	3,493	3,488
CASPER CITY	26,135	25,790	25,887	25,760	26,311	26,757	25,008	25,796	26,317	26,112	25,714	24,865	25,871

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COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	23,540	25,097	25,673	26,554	24,308	24,620	22,145	20,257	18,927	17,268	17,434	18,178	22,000
Albany	1,093	1,120	1,098	962	870	889	880	783	824	609	680	785	883
Big Horn	674	788	739	656	640	617	527	420	332	304	293	296	524
Campbell	1,435	1,665	1,763	1,832	1,631	1,766	1,515	1,276	1,253	1,030	933	964	1,422
Carbon	1,177	1,213	1,303	1,602	1,392	1,498	1,301	1,121	1,055	864	862	908	1,191
Converse	718	785	816	839	716	735	632	582	474	452	450	531	644
Crook	203	225	236	255	198	164	152	154	165	146	149	154	183
Fremont	1,927	2,074	2,251	2,261	2,141	2,137	1,959	1,622	1,562	2,320	2,256	2,277	2,066
Goshen	405	463	486	399	421	412	388	361	254	254	351	373	381
Hot Springs	243	278	213	198	206	222	172	137	155	113	130	103	181
Johnson	404	411	413	380	344	307	227	190	188	215	231	318	302
Laramie	2,402	2,479	2,450	2,467	2,306	2,392	2,297	2,225	2,284	2,046	2,183	2,535	2,339
Lincoln	953	1,098	997	1,072	872	776	717	567	520	477	527	578	763
Natrona	4,755	4,564	4,894	4,959	4,606	4,871	4,593	4,054	3,896	3,018	2,787	2,787	4,149
Niobrara	119	98	128	142	131	183	145	111	105	82	60	67	114
Park	1,043	1,166	919	931	878	896	716	653	609	582	625	582	800
Platte	405	386	407	385	345	373	356	424	366	333	373	417	381
Sheridan	1,214	1,249	1,181	1,084	946	992	897	933	961	945	1,015	1,166	1,049
Sublette	169	230	271	297	250	263	164	215	156	130	107	116	197
Sweetwater	2,142	2,377	2,384	2,611	2,514	2,664	2,425	2,511	2,108	1,856	1,739	1,580	2,242
Teton	685	784	801	871	735	467	363	335	310	390	603	566	576
Uinta	670	806	1,008	1,474	1,328	1,256	1,027	951	809	584	539	507	913
Washakie	382	513	480	476	499	460	414	393	272	272	307	341	401
Weston	323	325	433	404	339	279	278	238	268	244	234	227	299
CASPER CITY	3,592	3,448	3,697	3,746	3,479	3,680	3,470	3,062	2,943	2,280	2,105	2,105	3,134

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COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	9.5	10.1	10.1	10.3	9.2	8.8	8.1	7.5	6.8	6.5	6.8	7.3	8.4
Albany	7.8	7.8	7.5	6.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.1	4.1	4.7	5.4	5.9
Big Horn	12.7	14.7	13.4	11.6	10.8	9.8	8.9	7.3	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.7	9.2
Campbell	7.6	8.6	9.1	9.3	8.1	8.5	7.5	6.4	6.2	5.2	5.0	5.4	7.3
Carbon	12.1	12.4	13.1	15.4	13.0	13.2	12.0	10.5	9.7	8.2	8.5	9.3	11.4
Converse	10.2	11.1	11.5	11.4	9.6	9.5	8.4	7.9	6.1	6.1	6.2	7.5	8.8
Crook	8.0	8.6	8.7	9.2	7.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.9	5.3	6.2
Fremont	10.8	11.3	12.0	11.9	11.0	10.3	10.5	8.8	7.7	11.3	11.5	11.9	10.8
Goshen	6.5	7.2	7.3	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.0	3.4	3.5	5.0	5.4	5.4
Hot Springs	8.7	9.7	7.4	6.9	6.9	7.1	5.7	4.6	4.9	3.7	4.3	3.5	6.1
Johnson	10.4	10.5	10.4	9.3	8.2	6.7	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.3	7.3	7.1
Laramie	7.4	7.6	7.3	7.2	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.1	6.6	7.7	6.8
Lincoln	17.2	19.2	16.7	17.6	14.2	11.8	11.2	9.1	7.9	7.7	8.8	10.0	12.5
Natrona	11.5	11.2	11.9	12.1	11.1	11.5	11.6	10.1	9.6	7.6	7.2	7.4	10.3
Niobrara	8.7	7.1	8.8	9.0	8.0	9.9	8.6	6.7	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	7.1
Park	8.9	9.7	7.4	7.4	6.5	5.3	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.6	5.7
Platte	10.8	9.9	9.8	9.2	7.7	8.4	8.5	10.1	8.3	7.9	9.2	10.4	9.1
Sheridan	9.9	9.9	9.0	8.1	6.9	6.9	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.4	7.3	8.4	7.6
Sublette	7.4	9.6	10.8	11.5	9.3	9.0	6.1	7.9	5.6	5.0	4.3	4.8	7.6
Sweetwater	9.5	10.5	10.5	11.4	10.8	11.3	10.7	11.0	8.8	7.9	7.8	7.4	9.8
Teton	10.2	11.7	11.6	13.3	10.7	4.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	5.2	8.3	7.9	7.2
Uinta	6.5	8.0	9.8	13.9	12.5	11.2	9.3	8.6	6.9	5.1	4.9	4.8	8.4
Washakie	7.7	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.0	8.1	7.5	7.2	4.8	4.9	5.6	6.4	7.5
Weston	8.8	8.9	11.5	10.5	8.8	7.3	7.3	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	7.9
CASPER CITY	12.1	11.8	12.5	12.7	11.7	12.1	12.2	10.6	10.1	8.0	7.6	7.8	10.8

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NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Table 3

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) FEB 1984 2/ Total	JAN 1984 3/ Total	FEB 1983 Total	% Change on Total Emp. JAN 1984 to FEB 1984	FEB 1983 to FEB 1984
WYOMING NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT					
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	197.5	198.0	198.0	- 0.3	- 0.3
Manufacturing	7.4	7.7	7.7	- 3.9	- 3.9
Durable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.4	- 3.1	- 8.8
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.5	4.3	- 4.4	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.2	1.3	1.3	- 7.7	- 7.7
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	190.1	190.3	190.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Mining	26.9	27.7	28.9	- 2.9	- 6.9
Contract Construction	15.3	15.4	13.2	- 0.7	15.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	16.3	16.6	16.3	- 1.8	0.0
Railroad Transportation	3.1	3.3	3.2	- 6.1	- 3.1
Transportation except Railroads	6.3	6.4	5.6	- 1.6	12.5
Comm., Elect., Gas & Sani. Serv.	6.9	6.9	7.4	0.0	- 6.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	43.6	43.9	43.1	- 0.7	1.2
Wholesale Trade	8.8	8.9	9.5	- 1.1	- 7.2
Retail Trade	34.8	35.0	33.6	- 0.6	3.6
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	5.6	5.8	4.8	- 3.5	16.7
Food Stores	4.8	4.9	4.8	- 2.0	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	1.8
Eating & Drinking Places	12.2	12.1	11.7	0.8	4.3
Other Retail Trade	6.6	6.6	6.8	0.0	- 2.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.6	7.6	7.7	0.0	- 1.3
Services	29.9	29.7	32.0	0.7	- 6.6
Personal Services	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 5.6	- 10.5
Medical & Other Health Services	6.3	6.4	6.1	- 1.6	3.3
Government	50.5	49.4	49.1	2.2	2.9
Federal Government	6.7	6.7	6.4	0.0	4.7
State & Local Government	43.8	42.7	42.7	2.6	2.6
State Government	12.9	12.6	12.7	2.3	1.6
Local Government	30.9	30.1	30.0	2.7	3.0

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NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
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Table 3 (Cont'd.)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) FEB 1984 2/ Total	JAN 1984 3/ Total	FEB 1983 Total	% Change on Total Emp. JAN 1984 to FEB 1984	FEB 1983 to FEB 1984
CASPER (Natrona County)					
TOTAL NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	34.1	34.3	34.3	- 0.6	- 0.6
Manufacturing	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 7.7	0.0
Durable Goods	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 20.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 20.0	- 20.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	32.9	33.0	33.1	- 0.3	- 0.6
Mining	5.1	5.1	5.5	0.0	- 7.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.6	4.6	4.9	0.0	- 6.1
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0	- 16.7
Contract Construction	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.2	2.3	2.5	- 4.4	- 12.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.4	9.6	9.4	- 2.3	0.0
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.7	3.7	- 2.7	- 2.7
Retail Trade	5.8	5.9	5.6	- 1.7	3.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	- 5.6
Services	5.8	5.8	5.8	0.0	0.0
Government	6.7	6.5	6.1	3.1	9.8
Federal Government	0.7	0.6	0.6	16.7	16.7
State & Local Government	6.0	5.9	5.5	1.7	9.1

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NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
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Table 3 (Cont'd.)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			% Change on Total Emp.	
	FEB 1984 2/	JAN 1984 3/	FEB 1983	JAN 1984	FEB 1983
	Total	Total	Total	to FEB 1984	to FEB 1984
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)					
TOTAL NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	29.8	29.9	28.4	- 0.3	4.9
Manufacturing	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.0	- 23.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	28.8	28.9	27.1	- 0.3	6.3
Contract Construction	1.8	1.7	1.3	5.9	38.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.5	3.8	- 8.6	- 13.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.0	7.1	6.6	- 1.4	6.1
Wholesale Trade	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	6.2	6.3	5.8	- 1.6	6.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	6.3
Services & Miscellaneous	5.3	5.4	4.6	- 1.9	15.2
Government	9.7	9.5	9.2	2.1	5.4
Federal Government	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	9.1
State and Local Government	7.3	7.1	7.0	2.8	4.3

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-ag, establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Revised figures.

AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNING FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Table 4

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	FEB 1984 2/	JAN 1984 3/	FEB 1983	FEB 1984 2/	JAN 1984 3/	FEB 1983	FEB 1984 2/	JAN 1984 3/	FEB 1983
Manufacturing	$ 336.80	$ 331.76	$ 287.96	37.8	37.7	34.2	$ 8.91	$ 8.80	$ 8.42
Mining	549.84	540.93	496.80	43.5	41.9	40.0	12.64	12.91	12.42

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage, salary, production and non-supervisory workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded.
2/ Subject to revision.
3/ Revised figures.